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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26018)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C  
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✓ [REDACTED] (c) advised on 10/18/60 regarding a discussion b1  
between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C

Five copies of a letterhead memorandum relating  
to this discussion are enclosed.

The memoranda are classified "Confidential" because  
they contain information from [REDACTED] source, the unauthorized  
disclosure of which could seriously impair the investigation  
of the CP, USA, and such impairment could have an adverse  
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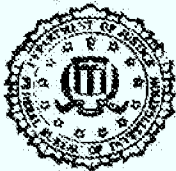
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 19, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-98594

Re: [REDACTED]

A confidential source, which has furnished reliable information in the past, recently advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recently asserted he saw Paul Robeson while he was in Europe. According to [REDACTED] Robeson told him he is going to fly to Australia for a three month concert tour.

[REDACTED] said he remarked to Robeson that plans are being made for a new "Daily Worker". [REDACTED] Robeson told him that he is to give a concert in London and that the proceeds of the concert will go to the new "Daily Worker". According to [REDACTED] Robeson stated he would guarantee from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The Communist Party, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, had a daily newspaper called the "Daily Worker", which ceased publication with the issue of January 13, 1958.

[REDACTED] stated that Paul Robeson attended the 11th Anniversary Celebration of the German Democratic Republic on October 3, 1960.

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that Paul Robeson was known to him, prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

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My dear [REDACTED] (C)

We recently learned that Paul Leroy Robeson, the much-publicized Negro concert singer, plans to travel to Australia in the near future to conduct a concert tour. The expected duration of his tour is three months.

Robeson was born on April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, and has been self-employed as a concert singer and actor since approximately 1923. He maintains a residence at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York; however, since July, 1958, he has maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England. He possesses a valid United States Passport Number 1145187.

According to sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, Robeson was a concealed member of the Communist Party, USA, from the 1930s to 1945; reportedly stated in 1952 that he was a communist; made numerous public appearances in the United States from 1950 to 1957 which were either sponsored, guided, or influenced by the Communist Party, USA; has frequently been in contact with Soviet and satellite officials in the United States, Russia, England and many other countries; and was publicly reported to have met with Nikita Khrushchev on occasions in Russia in 1958 and 1959.

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Robeson has also been reported by several sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and by various publications to have been active throughout the years as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous organizations which have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Some of these organizations are the Council on African Affairs; American Peace Crusade; American Youth for Democracy; China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated; Civil Rights Congress; National Negro Congress; and National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims. In addition, Robeson has been reported to have been active as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous other Communist Party front organizations, including such organizations as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, Second World Peace Congress, and National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

In addition, Robeson, who is often quoted in publications throughout the world, has frequently made public statements wherein he has been consistent in his praise of the Soviet Union and communist and related parties throughout the world.

[REDACTED] b1

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure of the New York Office. Information regarding proposed travel to Australia developed through [REDACTED] who, when recently in contact with Robeson in Europe, was informed of such plans by Robeson. It is noted that State Department, in recent intra-Department communications, carbon copies furnished Bureau, indicates that State Department office in Australia is being alerted to possible travel by Robeson to Australia. Letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as considerable information contained herein was furnished by current active informants, the disclosure of which to unauthorized persons could impair security of informants resulting in injury to the national defense.

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Robeson, the internationally known and frequently quoted Negro concert singer, is again parading foreign soil as a propagandist for the international communist conspiracy. Now 62, the misguided artist, whose early achievements as a singer, scholar, and athlete, including all-American football honors, were unequalled, has achieved even greater stature as a "dupe" of the Soviet Union and international communism.

In pursuit of his concert activities, he has traveled abroad extensively since the 1920's. Because of activities detrimental to United States' interests abroad, his passport privileges were revoked in 1950 and withheld until 1958 when, as a result of the Supreme Court decision regarding issuance of passports, they were restored. Again given leave to travel, Robeson journeyed to England in 1958, where he has since maintained a headquarters for his activities. It is significant that he has not since returned to the United States even to visit his son Paul Robeson, Jr. However, he has spent considerable time in the Soviet Union, where he has associated with high Russian officials, including the desk-pounding number one communist, Nikita Khrushchev.

In view of his reputation as a Soviet apologist and communist propagandist, Robeson's frequent appearances at, or support of, communist sponsored affairs throughout the world, together with his outspoken comments at such affairs, have received widespread coverage in the international press. His utterances have been consistent in their praise of the Soviet Union, and its satellite countries, with particular emphasis on his mistaken but confirmed belief that these countries desire peace. Most distasteful to the informed world are Robeson's accompanying statements, always critical of his country of birth and its policies, foreign and domestic. Certainly such expressions by an American traveling abroad under United States endorsement and protection cannot have

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka</b> <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED</b> <b>HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED</b> <b>EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN</b> <b>OTHERWISE</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Typed By <b>MEP</b>
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REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 11/16/59.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, NY file 100-25857, Bufile 100-12304. (u)

Mr. WALTER WALSH, American Consul, Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on 7/25/60, that authority has just been received from the State Department, Washington, to issue PAUL ROBESON a new passport. **[REDACTED]**

Approved <b>[Signature]</b>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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[REDACTED] It appears the new passport will be issued shortly. [REDACTED]  
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The Passport Office, US Department of State, advised on 7/22/60, that PAUL LEROY ROBESON on 5/17/60, applied for a renewal of his passport number 1145187, which was issued on 6/25/58. (u)

On 7/14/60, the Passport Office authorized the American Embassy in London, England, to renew ROBESON'S passport. (u)

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[REDACTED] reported on 2/29/60, that BEN DAVIS on that date contacted the Con Edison Company, New York City, concerning the bill of ESLANDA ROBESON, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. DAVIS informed a representative of the Con Edison Company that a check was on the way for payment of the above bill, of around \$81.00. BEN DAVIS stated that he wanted to make certain that the electricity at the above address was not discontinued. The representative of the Con Edison Company assured BEN DAVIS that service would be continued if the check for the bill arrived soon. (u)

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It is to be noted that PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to their departure for Europe and they still consider it as their legal residence. (u)

"The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its editorial of 5/1/60, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., as National Secretary of the CP, USA. (u)

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3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason)  b1  
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8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) her residence is England.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) she maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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## Copy to:

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Date:

November 16, 1960

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Title:

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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## Synopsis:

ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON continue to reside in the United Kingdom. Article appearing in "The Worker" of 3/20/60, captioned "ESLANDA ROBESON Appeals for WINSTON".

[REDACTED]

ESLANDA ROBESON sent greetings to International Women's Day meeting of 3/20/60. Subject reported in February, 1960, to have been ~~confined in a hospital in Moscow~~ and planned to remain in Moscow 3 or 4 more weeks.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and  
Employment

On July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP  
Sympathies

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The International Youth Festival referred to in the article is documented in the Appendix of this report.

"The Worker", dated March 20, 1960, on page eight, column three, contained an article captioned "ESLANDA ROBESON Appeals for WINSTON" by ESLANDA ROBESON. The article is as follows:

"LONDON — The meanness and inhumanity revealed by prison authorities in the neglect and persecution of Henry Winston during the early and observable stages of his very serious illness, is another manifestation of the dreadful result of the anti-communist hysteria and obsession in the United States.

"There is nothing constructive in anti-communism. It merely breeds hatred. It does not even attain its objective of destroying communism. Everyone knows that there are 1,000 million people living and working, growing and developing, building Socialism under the leadership of Communist Parties in other parts of the world. These 1,000 million people are very very strong, and becoming stronger every day.

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"Everybody knows now what the U. S. is against. It is much more important for everyone to know what the United States is for. The United States, and other 'Free Nations' of the West declare every hour on the hour, all over the face of the earth, that they are for Democracy.

"My Negro people will know that the U. S. is really for Democracy when, and not until when, we became first class citizens and along with all other American citizens, we can enjoy our Civil Rights.

"The African and Asian peoples know all about Democracy. They remember that the Democracy of Britain was not for them; that the 'Fraternite Egalite,' etc. of France was not for them; it was only after they fought and died and their leaders were imprisoned and they finally achieved their independence, that the 'Free Nations' began all this screaming about Democracy.

"The frantic anti-communism, the feverish hounding and persecution of 20 or 50 or 100 Communists in the United States — when one considers the 1,000 million of them in the rest of the world — is pathetic and tragic and futile.

"Whatever Henry Winston's political convictions are, I believe them to be honest convictions, else he would not have had the courage to endure such contemptible and brutal persecution for them. So I wish him speedy and permanent recovery, and say to him, across the miles: Be well, Man."

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HENRY WINSTON<sup>ST</sup>, National Organization  
Secretary of the CP, USA, was sentenced  
on October 21, 1949, under the Smith  
Act of 1940, to confinement for five  
years and fined \$10,000.00 on July 2,  
1951. WINSTON became a fugitive and  
on March 5, 1956, surrendered to Federal  
authorities, Southern District of New  
York. On March 26, 1956, WINSTON was  
sentenced to three years for contempt  
of court, to be served subsequent to  
the sentence imposed in the Smith Act,  
1940 conviction.

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"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that greetings from ESLANDA ROBESON from Moscow were read to the International Women's Day meeting held on [redacted] in New York, New York.

Concerning the International Women's Day, a column in "The Worker" of March 8, 1959, on page 9, entitled "How It Began" by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated in part that March, 1960, will mark the 50th anniversary of International Women's Day.

The article went on to explain that the day was so designated by a vote of delegates at the International Socialist Congress held in Copenhagen in 1910. It was stated further that the day is not celebrated in the United States to the extent that it is in other countries, especially the Socialist countries.

On [redacted] advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected National Field Organizer of the CP, USA at a CP National Committee meeting held on June 28, 1958.

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During January and February, 1952, JOHN LAUTNER, who was a CP member for over 20 years and was former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission of the CP, testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board for the purpose of determining whether the CP, USA is a "Communist Action Organization" within the Internal Security Act of 1950. LAUTNER testified that he knew HALOIS MOOREHEAD, also known as HALOIS ROBINSON, to be a member of the CP as late as the spring of 1949.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to his departure for Europe and still considers it as his legal residence.

"The Worker", in its editorial of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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"The Worker" in its edition of February 7, 1960, page 5, column 1, contained a photograph of PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON on the occasion of their arrival in Moscow, Russia.

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APPENDIXUNITED STATES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE  
(Seventh World Youth Festival)

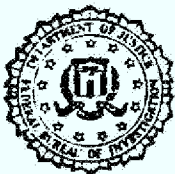
On [REDACTED] a source made available a background statement on the Seventh World Youth Festival distributed by the United States Festival Committee then in process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth, (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94.) with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, and the International Union of Students, (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities Guide, above, on page 48.), with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria, during the summer of 1959. b7D

The statement made available by the above source on [REDACTED] set forth that the Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world.

A second source on [REDACTED] made available information concerning [REDACTED] of the CP, USA, held in New York City, on [REDACTED]. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this festival and to help raise money to defray delegate expenses.

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A third source on [REDACTED] advised that the United States Festival Committee maintains Post Office Box 98, at Peter Stuyvesant Station, New York 9, New York.



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New York, New York

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Reference Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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Paris 8, France

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Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
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Re Paris letter 10/10/60.

No further information has been received [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] regarding the activities of the captioned  
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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

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FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-720)

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Remylet 10/13/60. (u)

The 10/14/60 edition of the East German English-language propaganda pamphlet "German Democratic Report" also carried an article on ROBESON's visit to East Berlin, referring to the honors afforded him and noted that he ended his visit there on 10/7/60 when he entertained the crowds gathered in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Square celebrating the 11th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic. (u)

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[REDACTED] (u) Per Am 11-10-71

The "Bulletin des Weltfriedensrates" (Bulletin of the World Peace Council), Nr. 12 (Volume VII), dated October 1960, which is issued in conjunction with the communist organ "Stimmen Zur Zeit" (Voices of the Times), published monthly in Austria, carried an article regarding PAUL ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON, a member of the World Peace Committee, was in Budapest, Hungary from September 10 to September 15, 1960 at the invitation of the Hungarian Peace Committee. It was also stated that he took part in numerous gatherings of peace adherents in Budapest, as well as other Hungarian cities. (u)

This case is being closed at this time but this office will remain alert for any information which may become available regarding the activities of the subject. (u)

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Enclosed herewith are copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting a contemplated trip to Cuba by PAUL ROBESON, Sr.

The sources utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum are:

Confidential Source A -   
 Confidential Source B -   
 Confidential Source C -   
 Confidential Source D - 

The attached memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from informants, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States and seriously hamper the investigation of the CPUSA.

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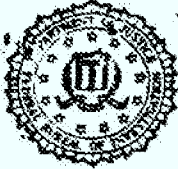
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New York, New York  
November 25, 1960

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ENCLOSURE

Re: Paul Leroy Robeson

[REDACTED] related Davis stated he was seriously considering going to Cuba during the time Paul Robeson, Sr. is there "one way or another."

[REDACTED] has advised that in June, 1955, the Council on African Affairs dissolved and, at the time of dissolution, Paul Robeson, Sr. was Chairman of the organization. b7D

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] reported that Paul Robeson, Jr., was elected a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) at its 17th National Convention held December 10-13, 1959.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" December 20, 1959, reported that Benjamin J. Davis, at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, on December 14, 1959, was elected National Secretary and a member of the five-man Secretariat to conduct the current work of the Party.

Davis was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

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pp. 3, 4 & 5 rewritten  
at Bureau and forwarded  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure  
of the NYO. (u)

Subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file  
100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the  
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On 10/13/60, the Security Office of the US Mission in Berlin furnished copies of various articles from East Berlin and East German newspapers on the dates 10/6 through 10/9/60, which reported the presence of the subject as an honored guest at various functions in East Berlin and listed the various honors afforded him as were described in a letter of 10/13/60, from Legat, Bonn. (u)

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Information concerning articles from L'Humanite were furnished by Legat, Paris to Bureau by letters dated 10/10/60, 9/23/60 and 9/1/60. (u)

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LEADS:

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At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (u)

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index. ~~SECRET~~  
 2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.  
 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.  
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
 5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.  
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_ he is not residing in the US.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.  
 10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
 ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960.  
 11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.  
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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

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On July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On September 22, 1960, the United States Department of State furnished information concerning a press conference by subject in Budapest in which subject is quoted as stating, in part, "However, I do not think I shall deprive myself for a longer period from the possibility of paying a visit to 600 million Chinese who are building Socialism and are true friends of my people. I shall be among them much sooner than my passport will permit".

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According to information received from the Department of State, Washington, D. C., in November, 1960, PAUL ROBESON gave a series of three concerts in Auckland, New Zealand, on October 18, 29 and 31, 1960, before sell-out audiences.

The Department of State advised that at a press conference held on October 17, 1960, ROBESON called the Western democracies "pro-Fascist" and criticized the United States for supporting Franco and Chiang Kai-shek. After referring to Little Rock, he said that he would have "asked thousands of Negroes from all over the United States to go there armed" and he was sure nothing would have happened. When questioned as to his philosophy, he replied that he was a "Marxist - a rigid Marxist".

PAUL ROBESON's remarks made at the above-mentioned press conference were reported on the third page of the October 18, 1960, issue of the "New Zealand Herald".

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The Department of State also advised that while on this tour the communist weekly paper, "People's Voice", gave prominent coverage to PAUL ROBESON in its October 19 and 26, 1960, and November 2, 1960, issues, playing up his role as a "peace fighter" and "champion of human rights".

The November 2, 1960, edition of the "People's Voice" carried PAUL ROBESON's remarks before the waterside workers in Wellington on October 26, 1960. At this gathering, he referred to the fact that his father had been a slave and that the Negroes in the United States had not yet attained world equality but were working toward it. He alleged that the Welsh miners had first made him aware that the struggle of the Negro people was a class struggle based on economic facts, that the bosses wanted their labor for nothing - they (the Welsh miners) taught him that their struggle was also a class struggle and that there could be no separation between the two. Therefore, he became an active participant in the struggle. At this meeting, ROBESON was offered and accepted lifetime membership in the Wellington Watersiders Union. Dictated

In December, 1960, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised that while on a recent visit to Adelaide, Australia, PAUL ROBESON gave two well-attended public concerts, a free performance for the Waterside Workers Federation, and several radio, television and press interviews. He also attended a reception given by the Buraka Youth League and the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society (both communist affiliates) in honor of a visiting Soviet youth delegation. Both his performances and his interviews were heavily loaded with propaganda designed to sell himself as a messenger of peace, brotherhood, and the rights of man.

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The Department of State advised that the following quotes from reviewers show how ROBESON's message was received in Australia:

"What a fine man Paul Robeson looked and sounded in Sunday's 'Spotlight', on Channel 2.

"He is a Crusader with so much to say it all comes gushing out of him, in words and in song...

"'Set my people free' is the theme of Mr. Robeson's message on behalf of the negro race, and he speaks it, sings it, and lives it."

News, November 16, 1960

"...in the minds of everyone present, including Robeson, was the thought of the unique representativeness of the singer, who not only 'drifted into drama and singing with a passivity which takes the breath away,' as the programme note puts it, but has drifted (not quite so casually) into the position of a kind of one-man band (or league) of nations."

Advertiser, November 25, 1960

"The second concert by Paul Robeson on Saturday night confirmed the first impression of simple sincerity, both in his art and in his mission of brotherhood."

Advertiser, November 28, 1960

"Variety", a weekly theatrical newspaper, contained an article in its November 30, 1960, edition as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON 'TOP' WITH AUSSIE PUBLIC IN HIS 1ST DOWN UNDER P.A. TOUR

"Melbourne, Nov. 29.

"PAUL ROBESON, previously only known here through recordings and films, is tops and his voice is 'as good as ever' according to Aussie opinion.

"ROBESON, touring Down Under and New Zealand, has already given one concert in Brisbane and four in Sydney. He is giving three here, then does two in Adelaide and two in Perth. He's playing to capacity or near-capacity houses.

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"At his Melbourne debut last week he got the cheer treatment --even before beginning his recital. These demonstrations are usually reserved here for teenage warblers. A large percentage of the capacity audience in the huge Melbourne Town Hall was made up of older age groups.

"ROBESON, with great ease, goes through Beethoven, Schubert, Negro spirituals, quotes poetry and gives an excerpt from 'Othello'. Interspersed are references to 'peace', injustices', 'brothers under the skin' etc., which gain much applause-- for it is applause for a great and superb artist.

"At one point in last week's performance ROBESON said he had been made 'an honorary member of the 'Wharfies' Association.' This was in reference to a current strike here of wharf workers and public's sympathy is definitely not with them. Yet this statement too, said half jocularly, half seriously, received wild applause.

"ROBESON says he hopes to be back Down Under next year and appear with an Aussie cast in a production of 'Othello.'"

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DAVIS<sup>51</sup> [REDACTED] related that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS stated that PAUL ROBESON, SR., would be the personal guest of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba. DAVIS further stated that he would "give anything" to go to Cuba and may try or at least put up a fight on it.

"The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its editorial of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

[REDACTED] advised on December 21, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10-13, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, JR. was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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[REDACTED] advised on November 24, 1960, that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS stated PAUL ROBESON, SR., is the "greatest man in the world." DAVIS stated that ROBESON's going to Cuba will be one of the greatest things that ever happened to Cuba, it will give Cuba world recognition. According to [REDACTED] DAVIS stated that this is a great thing for the Negro people and for the Communist Party. DAVIS indicated he hoped the Party would give PAUL ROBESON, SR.'s visit to Cuba all-out support. b7/D

The "Berliner Zeitung", an East German newspaper, reported on September 14, 1960, that PAUL ROBESON, among others, will take part in the East Berlin Cultural Festival, October 1-16, 1960.

The publication "Neues Deutschland" (New Germany), which is the organ of the Central Committee of the East German Communist Party (SED) reported in its October 6, 1960 edition that the subject, during his stay in East Berlin on October 5, 1960, had been the recipient of the following honors:

1. The subject was awarded the "Stern der Voelkerfreundschaft" (Star of People's Friendship) by WALTER OLBRICHT, Chairman of the Council of Ministers. ROBESON is the first recipient of this honor. J. O'NEIL

2. Professor Doctor MARTIN LEHNERT, Dean of the Philosophy Faculty of Humboldt University, conferred an honorary Doctor of Philosophy on the subject. J. O'NEIL

3. Professor Doctor Doctor WALTER FRIEDRICH, President of the "Deutschen Friedensrat" (German Peace Council) conferred the "Deutsche Friedensmedaille" (German Peace Medal) J. O'NEIL

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The October 6, 1960 issue of "L'Humanite", daily organ of the French Communist Party, contained an article, datelined October 5, 1960, at Berlin, as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON today received the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from Humboldt University in East Berlin. The great singer is presently in East Berlin, where he will give several concerts during the 'Cultural Week' organized in honor of the 11th anniversary of the proclamation of the 'Democratic German Republic' on October 7."

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its edition of November 6, 1960, on page 5, column 1, contained an article captioned "Democratic Germany Honors ROBESON", commenting on the honoring of PAUL ROBESON in Berlin on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the founding of the German Democratic Republic. At a press conference, when ROBESON was asked about his immediate plans, ROBESON announced that he was about to leave for a six weeks concert tour in Australia, that toward the end of the year he hoped to make an extended trip to Africa and that after that he would go to Cuba.

The October 14, 1960 edition of the East German English-language propaganda pamphlet "German Democratic Report" also carried an article on ROBESON's visit to East Berlin, referring to the honors afforded him and noted that he ended his visit there on October 7, 1960 when he entertained the crowds gathering in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Square celebrating the 11th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic.

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The "Bulletin des Weltfriedensrates" (Bulletin of the World Peace Council), Nr. 12 (Volume VII), dated October, 1960, published monthly in Austria, carried an article regarding PAUL ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON, a member of the World Peace Committee, was in Budapest, Hungary, from September 10 to September 15, 1960, at the invitation of the Hungarian Peace Committee. It was also stated that he took part in numerous gatherings of peace adherents in Budapest, as well as other Hungarian cities.

An article in the September 1, 1960, edition of "L'Humanite", stated that subject will take part in the annual Communist Party festival, which is sponsored by "L'Humanite", on September 4-5, 1960 at La Courneuve, a suburb of Paris.

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An article appeared in "L'Humanite" dated September 3, 1960, which commented on subject's landing on French soil on September 2, 1960, at the Bourget Airport to take part in the festival sponsored by "L'Humanite" on September 4-5, 1960, at La Courneuve, a suburb of Paris.

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[REDACTED] advised on October 3, 1960, that LOUIS WEINSTOCK in discussing his recent trip to Europe stated that when WEINSTOCK's daughter, SUSAN, was married in Hungary, PAUL ROBESON, who was giving a concert there, was a witness at this marriage. 67D

"The Worker", in its edition of October 23, 1960, page 6, column 1, contained a photograph of PAUL ROBESON under the caption "US-Hungarian Relations Strengthen," and stated that new bonds between the United States and Hungary were tied in Budapest on September 15, 1960, when SUSAN WEINSTOCK, daughter of LOUIS WEINSTOCK, General Manager of "The Worker", was married. Among those present at the ceremony was PAUL ROBESON who appeared as a witness for the bride. U.Y. Hungary

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On November 7, 1960, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information concerning PAUL ROBESON's concerts in Auckland, New Zealand:

No civic reception or other formal type of welcome was tendered to ROBESON during his stay in Auckland, although the Mayor, D. M. ROBINSON, did receive him and his wife at a private morning tea at the Mayor's residence. Aucklanders studiously refrained from commenting to the Principal Officer and Vice Consul about ROBESON's early outburst to the press or his political leanings. No inquiries of any kind were received by the Consulate regarding ROBESON's status as an American citizen or the circumstances under which he was originally denied a passport by the Department.

On December 15, 1960, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information concerning the propaganda impact of PAUL ROBESON's visit to Adelaide, Australia:

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"The recent visit to Adelaide by PAUL ROBESON must be accounted a complete propaganda success. He was accepted by South Australians with the naive, uncritical welcome they extend to almost all entertainers from 'overseas', regardless of merit.

"ROBESON gave two well-attended public concerts, a free performance for the Waterside Workers Federation, and several radio, television and press interviews. He also attended a reception given by the Eureka Youth League and the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society (both Communist affiliates) in honor of a visiting Soviet youth delegation. Both his performances and his interviews were heavily loaded with propaganda designed to sell himself as a messenger of peace, brotherhood, and the rights of man. If Adelaide found such propaganda strange content for a musical concert, it made no public (and little private) comment.

"The following quotes from reviewers show how well ROBESON's message succeeded:

"What a fine man PAUL ROBESON looked and sounded in Sunday's "Spotlight", on Channel 2.

"He is a Crusader with so much to say it all comes gushing out of him, in words and in song...

"Set my people free" is the theme of Mr. ROBESON's message on behalf of the negro race, and he speaks it, sings it, and lives it."

"News, November 16, 1960

"...in the minds of everyone present, including ROBESON, was the thought of the unique representativeness of the singer, who not only "drifted into drama and singing with a passivity which takes the breath away," as the programme note puts it, but has drifted (not quite so casually) into the position of a kind of one-man band (or league) of nations."

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"The second concert by PAUL ROBESON on Saturday night confirmed the first impression of simple sincerity, both in his art and in his mission of brotherhood."

"Advertiser, November 28, 1960

"Australians are by no means pro-Communist; the great majority are strongly anti-Communist. However, they are eager for novelty and, for the most part, completely indifferent to international politics. The few who are politically aware are proud of their political tolerance and would not miss a change to show how much more broad-minded they can be than the Americans. For this reason, the years of controversy caused by refusing ROBESON a passport undoubtedly increased the impact of his propaganda."

"Variety", a weekly theatrical newspaper, contained an article in its November 30, 1960 edition as follows:

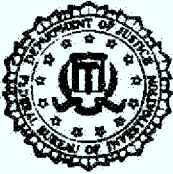
"PAUL ROBESON 'TOP' WITH  
AUSSIE PUBLIC IN HIS 1ST  
DOWN UNDER P.A. TOUR

Melbourne, Nov. 29.

"PAUL ROBESON, previously only known here through recordings and films, is tops and his voice 'as good as ever' according to Aussie opinion.

"ROBESON, touring Down Under and New Zealand, has already given one concert in Brisbane and four in Sydney. He is giving three here, then does two in Adelaide and two in Perth. He's playing to capacity or near-capacity houses.

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Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent [REDACTED], at New York, dated and  
captioned as above. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past. b7D

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Mr. J. E. Hoover  
U.S. Dept.  
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 1-24-81 BY SP-5 RLG/HW

MAR 8 1961

Dear Sir:

I am seeking information of  
the status of Mr. Paul Le Roy  
Robeson. I would like this in-  
formation from you (if it is the  
policy of your office to do so) because  
I would like to do a series of  
talks on this person and would  
want to know his status in re-  
gards to your files.

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MAR 8 1961

CORRESPONDENCE

Yours truly

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1 - Mr. Farr

March 15, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated March 6, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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There are no identifiable references to correspondent. Paul LeRoy Robeson, about whom correspondent inquired, is the internationally known Negro concert singer. He has been traveling abroad since 1958. Robeson received All-American football honors and considerable fame as a scholar and singer. He has been associated with high Russian officials such as Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Prime Minister. He has constantly favored Soviet Russia. (100-12344)

Correspondent in his letter advised he was seeking information about the "status of Mr. Paul LeRoy Robeson" since he wished to do a series of talks on this person. In view of the manner in which correspondent's letter was written to furnish him literature would be inappropriate.



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1 - Mr. Harbo  
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Legal Attache, London (100-1182)

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Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
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Submit the information received or developed concerning travel in appropriate form suitable for dissemination. (TS)

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Robeson is key figure of New York Office.  
Presently residing in London, England.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, *WAT, LONDON* (Your file *100-1182*) DATE: APR 3 1961FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial *100-12344*)SUBJECT: *Paul Leroy Robinson* Office of Origin: *W. Y.*

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. *1-24-81*

LTV  
Report submitted *3-28-61*CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-5 RJ/dw*  
REASON-FORM 11, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW *1-24-91*

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for delay \_\_\_\_\_

*(Remain alert for any indication re travel to Cuba)**has been advised re Travel To Cuba.*

2. (✓) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

CONFIDENTIAL DATE: April 7, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

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OTHERWISESUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
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Parsons ✓  
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Callahan ✓  
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It is recalled that Robeson, who has an extensive history of participation, sponsorship and influence in national and international communist affairs, and who has been an outspoken apologist for the Soviet Union, left the United States in 1958 following issuance of a passport which had been denied him since 1950. He has since maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England, and has spent a substantial amount of time in Russia, where he has publicly been reported to have, on occasions, met with Nikita Khrushchev. (u)

In view of the past exploitation of Robeson's popularity by the communists to further their aims, it is expected that the death of Robeson would be much publicized, and that his name and past history would be highlighted even more in propagandizing on behalf of the international communist movement. We will, of course, continue to follow his activities closely. (u)

ACTION:

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For information. (u)

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
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The May 2, 1961, edition of "Ultima Hora," a leftist Rio de Janeiro newspaper, carried a short item that arrangements were being made for the Negro singer, PAUL ROBESON, to come to Brazil to sing at "Fred's," a Rio de Janeiro night club. No date was given for this appearance.

Legat will follow this matter to report any information developed concerning the appearance of PAUL ROBESON and any other information of interest relating to such an appearance in Rio de Janeiro.

It is requested that Legat be advised of any information available indicating ROBESON plans an appearance in Rio de Janeiro.

One copy of this letter is being forwarded for transmittal to the New York Office.

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Reurlet 5-17-61.

No information has been received to indicate that Robeson anticipates travel to Brazil or other countries in South America. According to several reports, Robeson had planned to visit Cuba possibly in late April, 1961; however, subject's plans undoubtedly curtailed based on subsequent reports indicating that Robeson had been confined since late March or early April for what would appear to be a heart ailment.

It may be noted that since 1958, Robeson has maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England, but has spent a substantial portion of his time in Russia as well as its satellite countries.

Enclosed for New York Office is a copy of relet. New York furnish any information bearing upon travel by subject in a form suitable for dissemination.

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FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-720)

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Reference Bonn letter 4/25/61.

On 5/9/61, [REDACTED] Public Affairs Section, U.S. Mission Berlin, furnished the enclosed Photostat of an item from the 4/27/61 issue of the East German newspaper "Neue Zeit," which contained a write-up of an interview with PAUL ROBESON. b7c

From this interview, it appears that ROBESON's plans for the future are to visit in East Germany and Hungary in the first weeks of summer. He then intends to go to Ghana and also to Guinea, if possible, as well as to other countries of West Africa. He has also received an invitation from Cuba. He further indicated that he intends to go to Australia again and to devote the proceeds of concerts and films there to the welfare of the aborigines.

It is recommended that the enclosed Photostat be translated and that the original and translation be forwarded to the office of origin in this case.

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# Meine Pläne - Kampf für die Freiheit!

Unser Moskauer Korrespondent Henrik Gorkow sprach mit dem weltberühmten

APR. 27 1961

Sänger Paul Robeson über seine letzten Reisen. **NEUE ZEIT**

Der berühmte Friedenskämpfer und Sänger Paul Robeson wird zur diesjährigen Osterwoche nach Stockholm kommen. Unser Moskauer Korrespondent sprach mit Robeson während dessen Aufenthalts in der sowjetischen Metropole.

Beharrlich klingelte das Telefon. Alle wollen Robeson sprechen, alle ihn bei sich begrüßen. Da sind Betriebe und Schulen, Redaktionen der Zeitungen und Theater. Robeson lächelt und klatscht vor Verwunderung in die Hände. Wie gern möchte er überall sein, doch das ist leider unmöglich. Auch in der Sowjetunion, wo die Wissenschaft wahrlich Wunder vollbringt, kann man dem Tag

keine Länge zusetzen. Vierundzwanzig Stunden — das ist zu wenig!

Wir sitzen in seinem Zimmer, das er im Hotel „Sowjetskaja“ belegt hat. Paul Robeson spricht — energisch, klar, in der ihm eigenen Weise. Dieser Mensch und Lauteit sind zwei einander ausschließende Pole. In dem so gut bekannten unnachahmlichen Timbre seiner Stimme klingen innige Wärme, wenn er über seine Moskauer Eindrücke spricht, aber auch Bitternis und Zorn, wenn seine Gedanken zu denen gehen, die noch immer nicht für sich das Recht der Menschenwürde errungen haben, wenn er vor seinen Augen das Leben der Afrikaner, der australischen Ureinwohner und der Neger Amerikas sieht.

## Begegnungen mit dem Publikum

„Ich bin eigentlich jetzt ohne bestimmtes Ziel unterwegs“, erzählt Robeson, „wollte nur einfach mal ‚Hallo‘ meinen sowjetischen Freunden sagen. Natürlich gab es schon eine ganze Reihe freundschaftlicher Begegnungen. Eine davon ist der Besuch bei der ‚Iswestija‘ gewesen. Besondere Freude hat mir die Bekanntschaft mit dem jungen Nachwuchs der sowjetischen Journalisten gemacht. Ich sang ein paar Lieder, und dann haben wir uns lange unterhalten: über den Kampf der sowjetischen Jugend für den Frieden, über ihre Teilnahme beim Aufbau des Kommunismus, über ihre Arbeitserfolge in den Neulandgebieten. Wir haben auch über Musik gesprochen, über Negro-Spirituals und Jazz. Wie Sie sehen, war der Bogen unserer Gespräche weit gespannt.“

Paul Robeson erzählt von seinem Besuch im Großen Theater und gibt seiner Anerkennung über die „Ballade vom Soldaten“ Ausdruck. „Natürlich habe ich auch die Universität der Völkerfreundschaft aufgesucht. Ich wollte mit den Studenten aus den afrikanischen Ländern zusammenkommen und auch mit der Jugend

Asiens und Südamerikas. Die jungen Männer und die Mädchen werden als Vertreter verschiedener Völker aus Moskau nicht nur ausgezeichnete fachliche Kenntnisse mitnehmen, sondern auch das Gefühl der Achtung voreinander. Die Universität erfüllt eine edle Aufgabe. Und wie froh haben mich die Worte des Rektors gestimmt, der anerkennend von der wichtigen Rolle meiner Frau bei der Durchführung dieser Aufgabe sprach.

„Ihr letztes Ziel war Australien“, frage ich. „Führte Sie eine Gastspielreise dorthin?“

„Nicht nur“, antwortet Robeson. „Sehen Sie, auf einer solchen Reise verbinden sich meine Auftritte als Künstler mit der Arbeit des politischen Menschen, der die Weltfriedensbewegung vertritt. Ich hatte einige Konzerte. Genau genommen, ist das nicht die richtige Bezeichnung dafür. Ich selbst nenne das Auftreten im Rahmen einer Veranstaltung Begegnungen mit dem Publikum. Auf solchen Begegnungen singe ich, lese Verse und äußere mich zu Fragen der Musik, besonders aber über die Volksmusik.“

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## Einladungen über Einladungen

In Australien und Neuseeland kennt man mich von Gramophonplatten und Filmen her, die gut zwanzig bis dreißig Jahre alt sind. Jetzt wollten sie mich sehen und hören. Ich gab vier Konzerte, es hätten viertzehn sein können. Das Interesse war außerordentlich groß; jedesmal ausverkauft."

"Was hat in mir Bitternis hervorgerufen," Robeson wird mit einem Male sehr ernst. "Ich habe auf dem fünften Kontinent eine mir aus Afrika und Amerika bekannte Erscheinung angetroffen: Rassendiskriminierung in widerlichster Form. Wenn man die Lage der Neger - der neuseeländischen Ureinwohner - mit der Lage amerikanischer Neger aus den Nordstaaten vergleicht, so kann man die Situation, in der sie um die australischen Ureinwohner sich befinden, einfach nur schrecklich nennen. Hier wird offene Ausrottung betrieben. Hier muß sich die Weltöffentlichkeit einschalten und ein ernstes Wort sagen."

"Ich beabsichtige, noch einmal nach Australien zu fahren. Ich werde Filmen und Konzerte geben; die Einnahmen sollen der in Armut dahinvegetierenden Eingeborenbevölkerung zugute kommen. Ich habe das bereits in Afrika getan, zum möchte

ich es noch einmal in Australien wiederholen."

"Würden Sie sich auch noch von anderen Plänen der nächsten Zukunft etwas versagen?"

"Die nächsten Pläne", meint Paul Robeson, "sind eng mit den Einladungen verbunden, die mich aus einigen sozialistischen Ländern erreicht haben. In den ersten Sommerwochen werde ich in der DDR und in Ungarn sein. Danach möchte ich nach Ghana und - wenn möglich - auch nach Guinea sowie in andere Länder Westafrikas. Weiter erhielt ich von Kuba eine Einladung. Es wird mir nur schwer, das alles zeitlich zu bewältigen."

### Auch in den USA

Inzwischen haben auch in den USA breite Kreise aufgehört, sich vor einem Besuch meiner Konzerte zu fürchten. Ich habe mir vor neuem das amerikanische Publikum erobert. Das ist nicht nur für mich, sondern gleichermaßen auch für zahlreiche farbige Künstler wichtig, die auf jegliche Weise unterdrückt wurden. Es mußte allen vor Augen geführt werden, daß jene verloren hatten, die mich zum Schweigen bringen wollten. Ich stehe indes wieder auf den Füßen und singe."

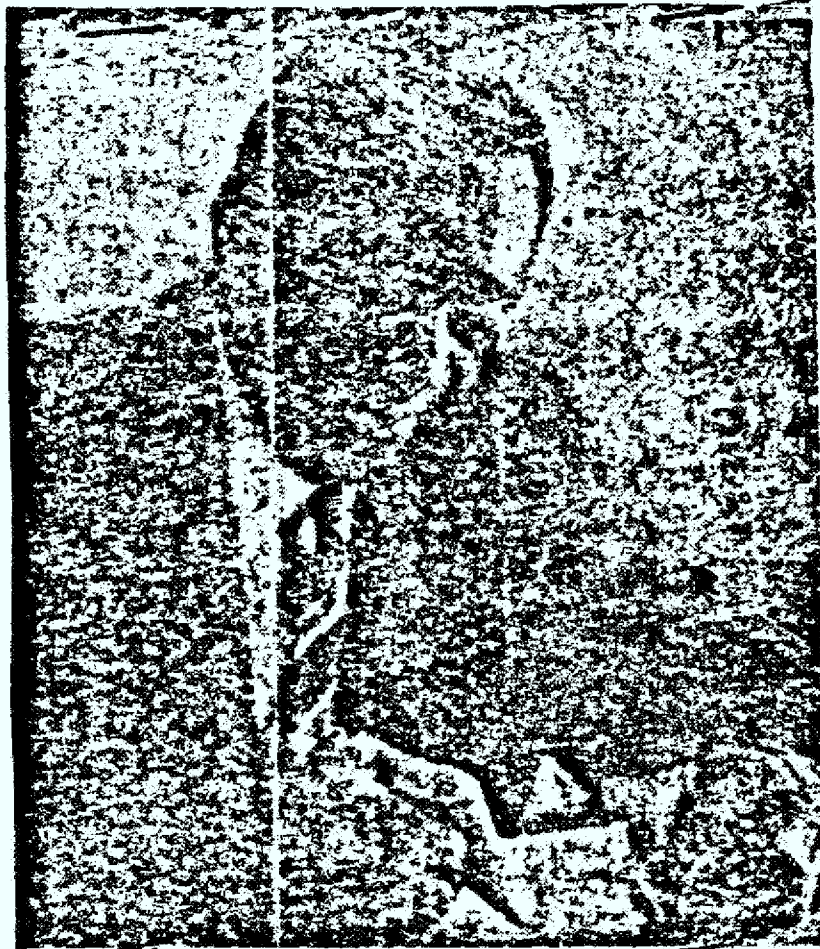
"In England und Schottland", schließt Robeson seinen Bericht, "beglückte mich das Publikum wie einen guten Bekannten. Meinen Erfolg in England verdanke ich zu einem guten Teil meinem Auftreten im Shakespeare-Gedächtnis-Theater in Stratford-on-Avon. Hier hatte ich die Rolle des Othello übernommen. Gerade nach Stratford kamen viele Amerikaner. Es war ihnen offensichtlich peinlich, daß ein amerikanischer Schauspieler, der in Amerika nicht auftreten darf, in England spielt. Und dies nicht auf einer gewöhnlichen Bühne, sondern auf der Bühne des Shakespeare-Theaters, das über die besten Kräfte verschiedener englischsprechender Länder verfügt. Es gibt für einen Schauspieler keine größere Ehre, als dort zu wirken."

"Die Rolle des Othello, das ist das Höchste, was ich als Schauspieler vollbracht habe. Für den Rest meines Lebens möchte ich meine Kräfte völlig einsetzen für den Kampf um die Freiheit Afrikas, für die Freiheit der amerikanischen Neger und der australischen Ureinwohner, für die Freiheit aller, die unter der Unterdrückung leiden."

Als wir uns zum Abschied die Hände reichen, spüre ich in dem festen Händedruck dieses großartigen Mannes eine Bestätigung seiner Worte.

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PAUL ROBESON . . . . . Photo: Graham

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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

MY PLANS--FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!

Our Moscow correspondent HENRIK GURKOW spoke with the world-famous singer PAUL ROBESON about his last journeys.

From "Neue Zeit" (New Time), April 27, 1961.

The famous peace fighter and artist PAUL ROBESON will come to Rostock for this year's Baltic Sea Week. Our Moscow correspondent talked with ROBESON during his stay in the Soviet metropolis.

The telephone rang constantly. All wanted to speak with ROBESON; all wanted to welcome him in their homes. Enterprises and schools, the editorial offices of the newspapers and theaters called. ROBESON smiled and clapped his hands in astonishment. He wanted to be everywhere; however, this was unfortunately impossible. Even in the Soviet Union, where science really accomplishes wonders, the day cannot be prolonged. Twenty-four hours--this is too little time!

We sit in his room which he had reserved in the Hotel "Sovietskaya." PAUL ROBESON speaks--energetically and clearly--in the manner peculiar to him. This man and indifference are two poles which exclude each other. In the so well-known, inimitable tone of his voice lies sincere warmth when he talks about his impressions in Moscow, but also bitterness and scorn when he thinks of those who still have not conquered for themselves the right to human dignity; when he sees before his eyes the life of the Africans, of the Australian aborigines and of the Negroes of America.

MEETINGS WITH THE PUBLIC

ROBESON stated: "Now I am on the road without having any definite aim. I simply wanted to

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say 'hello' to my Soviet friends. Of course, quite a number of friendly meetings took place. One of them was the visit to 'Izvestia.' I was particularly glad to meet the young generation of the Soviet journalists. I sang a few songs and then we talked to each other for a long time: about the struggle of the Soviet youths for peace, about their participation in the construction of communism, about their successes in the work in the new territories. We also discussed music, Negro spirituals and jazz. As you see, our discussions covered a lot of territory."

PAUL ROBESON talked about his visit to the Great Theater and expressed his approval of the "Callad about the Soldier." He said: "Of course, I also visited the University of the Friendship Between Nations. I wanted to meet the students from the African countries and also the youths of Asia and South America. The young men and women as the representatives of different nations will not only take with them from Moscow excellent technical knowledge, but also the feeling of respect for each other. The university fulfills a noble task. The words of the rector have gladdened me very much, who praised the important role of my wife at the execution of this task."

I asked: "Your last goal was Australia? Did a starring performance lead you there?"

ROBESON replied: "This was not the only reason. You see, during such a trip my appearances as artist combine with the work of the political human being who represents the world peace movement. I gave a few concerts. However, in the true sense of the word this is not the correct designation. I call the appearances, within the framework of a public event, meetings with the public. During such meetings I sing, read verses and discuss the questions of music; in particular, of popular music."

ONE INVITATION AFTER THE OTHER

"In Australia and New Zealand the people know me from Gramophone records and films which are twenty to thirty years old. Now they want to see and hear me. I gave four concerts; it could have been fourteen."

Suddenly ROBESON became very serious and said: "One thing has embittered me. On the fifth continent I encountered a phenomenon which I have experienced in Africa and America: racial discrimination in the most loathsome form. If we compare the situation of the Maoris - of the aborigines in New Zealand - with the situation of American Negroes from Northern states, we can call the situation simply terrible in which they and the Australian aborigines are. Here open extermination is effected. Here the public opinion in the world must go to work and say a serious word.

"I intend to return to Australia. I shall make films and give concerts. The proceeds shall benefit the aboriginal population languishing in poverty. I already did that in Africa, and now I want to repeat it once more in Australia."

"Would you tell us something about other plans in the near future?"

PAUL ROBESON replied: "The next plans are closely connected with the invitations which I received from some socialist countries. During the first summer weeks I shall be in the German Democratic Republic and in Hungary. Then I wish to go to Ghana and, if possible, also to Guinea and other countries of West Africa. Furthermore, I received an invitation from Cuba. However, it will be difficult for me to find the time for everything."

ALSO IN THE USA

ROBESON continued: "Meanwhile also in the USA wide circles have ceased to fear a visit of my concerts. I have again conquered the American public. This is not only important to myself, but likewise to numerous colored artists who were oppressed by any means. All had to be shown that those have lost who wanted to silence me. However, I am standing on my feet again and sing."

ROBESON concluded his report as follows: "In England and Scotland the public welcomed me like a good acquaintance. I thank my success in England partly to my appearance in the Shakespeare Memorial Theater in Stratford-on-Avon (sic). Here I had to accept the role of Othello. To be sure, many Americans came to Stratford. They were apparently embarrassed that an American actor, who is not permitted to appear in America, plays in England; and then not only on an ordinary stage, but on the stage of the Shakespeare Theater, which has the best actors of various English-speaking countries at its disposal. There is no greater honor for an actor than to appear there.

"The role of Othello is the biggest one which I played as an actor. For the rest of my life I want to use my energies completely for the struggle for Africa's freedom, for the freedom of the American Negroes and of the Australian aboriginal population, for the freedom of all who suffer from oppression."

When we said good-bye to each other, I felt in the firm handshake of this wonderful man a confirmation of his words.

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Picture of PAUL ROBESON by GURKOW.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO :

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PAUL ROBESON  
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ReBulet to Report Rio de Janeiro dated 6/1/61.

Relet request that you furnish any information bearing upon travel of ROBESON to Brazil or other countries in South America.

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The information concerning the interview article  
in the East German newspaper "Neue Zeit" was furnished by  
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Berlin, 5/5/61, to Legat, Bonn. (u)

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The information concerning the article in "Neues Deutschland" of 4/6/61, was furnished to the Director by Legat, Bonn by letter of 4/25/61. (u)

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the U.S. upon his return.

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5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are Secret.
7. ☐ This report is classified Secret because are confidential sources (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_
8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Subject was not interviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

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FEBES was a member of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.  
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Title:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] ROBESON reported to be among various prominent guests who would take part in Baltic Sea Week in the Baltic coastal area of East Germany in July, 1961. (S)

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

It is noted that on July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

It is also noted that subject is employed as a concert singer and made a concert tour of Australia and New Zealand during 1960; details of this tour are set forth later in this report.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that at the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party (CP), USA, held December 10-13, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, JR., was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA. (s)

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE CP  
MOVEMENT

Evidence of CP Sympathies

The East German newspaper "Neue Zeit" in its issue of April 27, 1961, contained a write-up of an interview with PAUL ROBESON. From this interview, it appears that ROBESON's plans for the future are to visit in East Germany and Hungary in the first weeks of summer. He then intends to go to Ghana and also to Guinea, if possible, as well as to other countries of West Africa. He has also received an invitation from Cuba. He further indicated that he intends to go to Australia again and to devote the proceeds of concerts and films there to the welfare of the aborigines.

The publication "Neues Deutschland" (New Germany), which is the organ of the Central Committee of the East German CP (SED) reported in its April 6, 1961, edition that subject would be among various prominent guests who would take part in this years Baltic Sea Week in the Baltic coastal area of East Germany. It was stated that ROBESON promised to attend during the period July 7, to July 10, 1961.

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 explained Paul Leroy Robeson, 15-C

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Nov. 4, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director - F.B.I.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been meaning to write this letter for sometime, however, for one reason or another I've put it off. Tonight after spending an hour or so looking up old newspapers I've finally got around to it.

On Aug 23, 1947 one Paul Robeson appeared at the Peekskill Stadium. I've found an add endorsed by the now Principle of our Junior High School and also our Associate Superintendent of Schools. It would take many pages to fill you in on the situation we have in our school system and I won't go into it but it is in a mess.

The main reason to this letter is that there are two and possibly three [redacted] either misguided Liberals or "Liberals."

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The other two are [redacted] and [redacted]. The reason for this is their actions and type of methods they use [redacted] It's a disgrace.

I'm sorry if I've rambled on but I get disgusted with myself and my fellow citizens who permitted people such as these to get in office. You have my very best regards and that of every member of my family. I will say this that John Crosby can go plum to hell and the faster he and the rest of his ilk go the better off this country will be.

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Respectfully Yours

DATE 1-26-81 BY SP-5 RJG/dw

/s/ [redacted]

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Respectfully Yours

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter dated November 4, 1961, and your interest in furnishing me your observations is appreciated.

I am enclosing three items of literature which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Kenneth J. Turner

ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK:

There are enclosed two copies of a letter from correspondent. You should make an appropriate check of the files of your office concerning the individuals mentioned therein and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions pertaining to security investigations of individuals.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent or the individuals mentioned by him, except Robeson.

Paul Robeson is on the Security Index of your office. (100-12304)

You are aware of the identity of the publications "The Nation," "The New Republic," and "The Reporter." The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. Director's statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
2. "The Communist Party Line"
3. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

"The Nation" has not been investigated by the Bureau but in the past has carried articles extremely critical of the FBI. (61-901) "The New Republic" is self-described as an "outstanding liberal magazine belonging to no party." This publication has been on the Bureau's "Do Not Contact List" since 1950 because a former editor accused FBI Agents of asking individuals whether or not they read "The New Republic." "The Reporter" has been characterized as a "liberal" fortnightly magazine. In the past it has published articles critical of the Bureau. (100-364570)

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**ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka**

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Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key  
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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) her residence in England.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".

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## Synopsis:

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Letterhead of National Council of American  
Soviet Friendship under caption "Board of  
Directors", contained name ESLANDA GOODE  
ROBESON. (c)

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE  
COMMUNIST (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

[REDACTED] (C)

The letterhead of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reflects the following name under the caption, "Board of Directors", ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. b7/D

The National Council of Soviet-American Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Freedomways" is characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, Albany, New York, reflect that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961. u

The first issue of "Freedomways," spring, 1961, is self-described as a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. u

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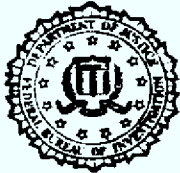
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 18, 1962

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20616) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ESIANDE GOODE ROBESON  
SM - C

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

OO: New York

Re Bureau letter, 11/3/61, to Cleveland under caption of [REDACTED]

Congressional  
Information  
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DATE 1-26-87 BY SP-8 JLD/ML

A review of ROBESON's file in the Cleveland Office reflects no information not previously furnished to the Bureau or office of origin. It is noted that the only information [REDACTED] which appears in ROBESON's Cleveland file is the report on October 2, 1951, identifying the subject as a member of the "Sojourners For Truth and Justice" and as a member of the "initiating committee" of this organization.

The Bureau has instructed that all information concerning persons [REDACTED] which has not been previously furnished to the Bureau, should be immediately submitted for the Bureau's consideration. The New York Office is therefore requested to review its file on ESIANDE GOODE ROBESON and submit to the Bureau any information contained therein which is not currently in the Bureau's possession.

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- 2 - New York (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland

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The New York Office is requested to review their file on the subject and forward any pertinent information not in the Bureau's possession.



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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/22/62

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-18733)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-26-81 BY SP5 Rlg/dw

Bureau letter, November 3, 1961, captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] instructed Washington Field  
Office to furnish to Cleveland [REDACTED]Washington Field letter, November 15, 1961, enclosed  
for Cleveland a photostat of [REDACTED]

## Referenced Bureau letter states:

"The Cleveland Office should thoroughly review [REDACTED] upon receipt and advise the Bureau of all persons mentioned and their subversive activities unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. In the event the subjects reside in territory of other Field Offices, those Field Offices should be instructed by Cleveland Office to furnish Bureau any pertinent information which is not in the possession of the Bureau."

- ② - Bureau (RM)  
2 - New York (100-25857)(RM)  
2 - Cleveland [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
~~(100-399388)~~

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (P)  
(100-56680) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS-C  
(OO: NY)

ESLANDA ROBESON  
SM-C  
(OO: NY)

DATE: 2/8/62

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1/18/62, captioned "ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON, SM-C" and Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1/22/62, captioned "PAUL ROBESON, IS-C".

Referenced letters concerned information furnished by [REDACTED] which included information concerning subjects. Bureau is in possession of all information concerning ESLANDA ROBESON as annual report was submitted on her on 11/14/61. A semi-annual report will be submitted in March, 1962, on PAUL ROBESON.

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DATE 1-26-81 BY SP-5 RLG/HW

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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DATE: February 13, 1962

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Rachner

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

We will continue to follow Robeson's activities closely, it being apparent that the communists would exploit the passing of Robeson, as they have exploited his day-to-day activities, to propagandize on behalf of the international communist movement. The Department, State and Central Intelligence Agency have been kept currently advised. (u)

## ACTION:

For information. (u)

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304 )

DATE: 2-20-62

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720 ) (PUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C

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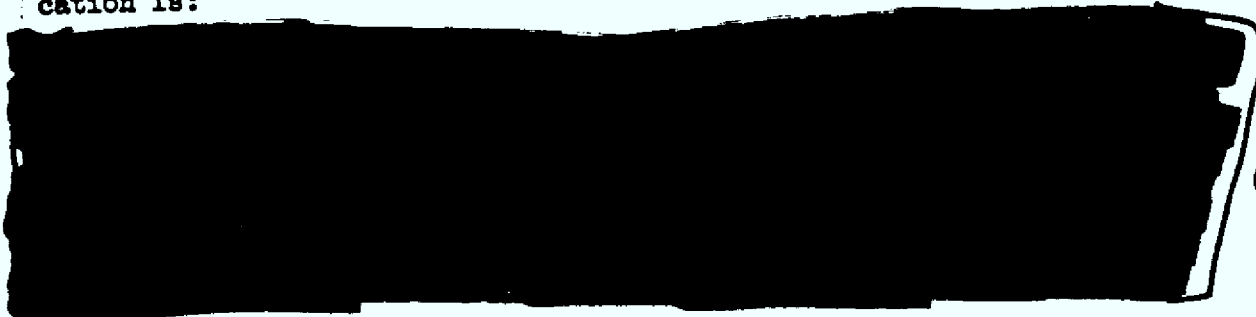
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Communication dated  
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This information was received by Legal Attache 1-8-62.  
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Group

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
March 6, 1962

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NY 100-25857

Title Paul Leroy Robeson

Character Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above. b7C

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>3/6/62</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/5/61 - 3/1/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Typed by <b>lbb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 9/7/61, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

Subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE **3/6/62**

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US.
2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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NY 100-25857

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
  2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
  3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
  4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
  5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
  6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
  7. ☒ This report is classified "~~SECRET~~" because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (C) (X)

8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is not residing in the US.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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## Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED] b7C

Date: 3/6/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

NY 100-25857

Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character:

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Cablegram to London  
Re: Paul Leroy Robeson  
100-12304

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure New York Office. He is Negro covert singer who has long been outspoken in praise of Russia. Since mid-1958, he has been traveling in Europe and Russia.

Sent via State Department channels at no cost to Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 17, 1962

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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[REDACTED] (TS)

Robeson, internationally known concert singer and apologist for USSR who has an extensive history of participation, sponsorship, and influence in national and international communist affairs, left the United States in 1958 and has since maintained residence in London with substantial periods spent in the USSR. He is key figure of the New York Office and his name is in Security Index.

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : *UB* Legat, London (P)

DATE: May 29, 1962

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
 IS - C  
 (Bufile 100-12304)  
 (London file 100-1182)

ESLANDA ROBESON  
 SM - C  
 (Bufile 100-399388)  
 (London file 100-1666)

OO: New York

Remylet 3/27/62.

There are enclosed the original and seven copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subjects made available by [REDACTED] Passport Section, American Embassy, London.

As subjects are currently residing in England, these cases are being maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 1 - Liaison Section (Sent direct) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - London (100-1182)
- 1 - London (100-1666)

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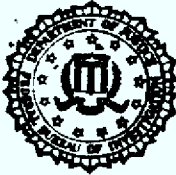
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 31, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
ESLANDA ROBESON

On May 25, 1962, [REDACTED] b7c  
Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on  
May 18, 1962, subject ESLANDA ROBESON arrived at the  
American Embassy requesting a renewal of her U.S. Passport.  
At that time she also made an appointment for her husband,  
PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment  
was made for May 25.

[REDACTED] advised that both passports were  
renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to  
be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting  
the appearance of subjects at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy  
on May 25 and [REDACTED] spoke briefly with him. She stated  
he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA  
ROBESON advised [REDACTED] that her husband continues to  
be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London  
but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have  
no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel  
plans until he is released from the hospital.

[REDACTED] said the subjects' applications for  
passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have  
to be referred to the Department for approval and she will  
advise further if and when this approval is received.

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SAC, New York (100-25857)  
(100-56680)

July 25, 1962

Director, FBI (100-12304)  
(100-399388)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re London letter and memorandum, both dated 5-29-62, which advised that the passport renewal requests of subjects filed with U. S. Embassy, London, had been referred to Department of State for approval.

Department of State has advised that passport will be issued Eslanda Robeson inasmuch as she signed affidavit indicating she had never been member of Communist Party or other subversive group. No mention was made of any issuance of passport to Paul Robeson.

Washington Field Office promptly review passport records for complete information concerning subjects' passport renewal applications. Submit results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

New York Office thoroughly analyze all available information concerning subjects to determine whether a possible violation of passport sanction provisions of Internal Security Act of 1950 by either subject exists. If possible violation exists, handle pursuant to SAC Letters 61-61 and 62-29 and Bureau letter to all offices dated 6-14-62 relating to passport violations under the Internal Security Act of 1950. Advise Bureau of results of your review.

2 - Washington Field

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subjects in Security Index. Have resided abroad since

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: July 30, 1962

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FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C  
(Bufile 100-12304)  
(London file 100-1182)

ESLANDA ROBESON  
SM - C  
(Bufile 100-399388)  
(London file 100-1666)

OO: New York

Remylet dated March 27, 1962. (u)

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These cases are being maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office. (u)

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
July 30, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON;  
ESLANDA ROBESON

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, WFO

DATE: 8/3/62

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON<sup>①</sup>  
IS - C  
(Bufile 100-12304)  
(NYfile 100-25857)  
(WFOfile 100-19021) (P)

ESLANDA ROBESON<sup>②</sup>  
SM - C  
(Bufile 100-399388)  
(NYfile 100-56680)  
(WFOfile 100-41052) (P)

ReBulet to New York dated 7/25/62.

On 7/31/62, [REDACTED] Security Section, Legal Division, Passport Office, advised IC [REDACTED] that PAUL LEROY ROBESON has been requested to furnish an affidavit concerning Communist Party membership on his part, and that as of 7/31/62, ROBESON had not furnished such an affidavit. His application for renewal of his passport is being held in a pending status and no further action has been taken.

IC [REDACTED] was also advised on 7/31/62, that the passport file for ESLANDA ROBESON was not yet available for review.

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3-New York (RM)  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
(100-399388)

DATE: AUG 10 1962

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)  
(100-56680)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBulet to NY dated July 25, 1962.

Relet requested analysis of subject's files to determine whether possible violation of passport sanction provisions of Internal Security Act of 1950 by either subject, exists.

The Department has advised in previous correspondence relating to passport sanctions, that in order to establish a violation under Section 6(a) (1) or (2) of this act, "it would be essential for the Government to prove Communist Party membership during the approximate period of the particular act involved, that is, the act of making application for a passport or the renewal of a passport or the act of using or attempting to use the passport".

PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA, have been in Europe and on concert tours abroad since approximately July, 1958. There is no information in the subject's files which indicates any present membership or continuation of past membership in the CP. Information in the file reflects that the CP of Great Britain had decided when the ROBESONS arrived there, that they should avoid becoming involved in any open CP activity and that they would not be asked to do anything on behalf of the Communist organization nor would they arrange any Party sponsored events for them.

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The Department has also advised that it would be helpful if the government could establish that the subject had actual knowledge of the prohibitions of Section 6 of the ISA - 1950, concerning the application for a passport or the use of a passport and that he had actual knowledge that the section proscribed such use.

[REDACTED]

Since there is no evidence of present or recent CP membership on the part of subjects in view of the Department's interpretation of the passport sanction violation, it is not believed that a possible violation of the passport sanction exists on the part of subjects.

## Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

8/24/62

FROM :

SAC, WFO

SUBJECT:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
 IS - C  
 (Bufile 100-12304)  
 (NY file 100-25857)  
 (WFO 100-19021) P.  
 (OO:NY)

ESLANDA ROBESON  
 SM - C  
 (Bufile 100-399388)  
 (NY file 100-56680)  
 (WFO 100-41052) P.  
 (OO:NY)

ReBulet to NY dated 7/25/62.

There are forwarded herewith eight copies of a LHM to the Bureau and two copies to NY setting forth the results of a review of subject's passport files by S [REDACTED]

Copies were made of the passport photographs of the subjects which will be forwarded to NY by routing slip at a later date.

WFO will determine the passport number of each subject and advise Bureau and NY by separate communication.

The LHM is classified "Secret" since the information contained therein was taken from State Department files which are also secret.

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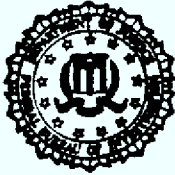
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
ESLANDA ROBESON

The file for Paul Leroy Robeson was reviewed on August 7, 1962 and was found to contain the following:

On May 25, 1962 at London, England, Robeson made an application for a passport. In this application he stated he had previously been issued Passport Number 1145187 on June 25, 1958 at Washington, D. C., and this passport had been renewed in London, England, on June 26, 1960. He stated he was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. His parents were listed as William D. Robeson, born in North Carolina and Maria Louisa Bustill, born in Pennsylvania. He was last married on August 17, 1921 to Eslanda Goode Robeson who was born December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C. In his application Robeson stated he intended to remain abroad indefinitely but had no plans to travel outside of England because of his poor health. In connection with his passport application Robeson submitted a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"I, Paul Leroy Robeson, am not now a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, and that I have not been a member at any time during the twelve(12) months preceeding May 25, 1962, the date of my application for a passport."

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 8-9-62

The following descriptive data appeared in Robeson's passport file:

Height:	6'2"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Singer and actor

By Operations Memorandum dated August 7, 1962 the State Department authorized the American Embassy in London, England to issue a passport to Robeson.

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RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; ESLANDA ROBESON

The passport file for Eslanda Goode Robeson was also reviewed on August 7, 1962 and was found to contain the following:

Mrs. Robeson made application for a passport at London, England, on May 15, 1962. In this application she stated she had previously been issued passport number 1104293 at New York City on July 7, 1958 which passport was renewed at London, England on May 17, 1960. She stated she was born December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C. She stated she was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. She listed her parents as John Jacob Goode born in Illinois and Eslanda Cardoza Goode born in South Carolina, both deceased.

Mrs. Robeson stated she had no plans to travel outside of England but intended to remain abroad indefinitely.

In connection with her passport application, Mrs. Robeson furnished a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"Referring to the letter from the American Embassy of July 10, 1962 I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country. NEVER!"

The following descriptive data appeared in Mrs. Robeson's passport file:

Height:	5'3"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Writer

In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. Robeson and at the request of the American Embassy, London, England, Mrs. Robeson furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

England	7-11-58	to	8-15-58	
USSR	8-15-58	to	9-15-58	
England	9-15-58	to	12-30-58	
USSR	12-30-58	to	3-9-59	(Ill in hospital)
England	3-9-59	to	6-10-59	
Czechoslovakia	6-10-59	to	6-12-59	
England	6-12-59	to	8-1-59	



RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; ESLANDA ROBESON

Austria	8-1-59	to	8-4-59
England	8-4-59	to	8-20-59
Roumania	8-20-59	to	8-24-59
England	8-24-59	to	9-4-59
France	9-4-59	to	9-5-59
England	9-5-59	to	1-18-60
USSR	1-18-60	to	2-7-60
England	2-7-60	to	6-18-60
Germany	6-18-60	to	6-20-60
England	6-20-60	to	9-2-60
France	9-2-60	to	9-6-60
England	9-6-60	to	9-9-60
Budapest	9-9-60	to	9-15-60
England	9-15-60	to	10-4-60
Germany	10-4-60	to	10-8-60
Australia and New Zealand Tour	10-10-60	to	12-6-60
England	12-6-60	to	3-15-61
USSR	3-15-61	to	6-10-61
England	6-10-61	to	6-24-61
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(NYfile 100-25857)  
(WFOfile 100-19021) (RVC)  
(OO:NY)

ESLANDA<sup>(1)</sup> ROBESON  
SM - C  
(Bufile 100-399388)  
(NYfile 100-56680)  
(WFOfile 100-41052) (RVC)  
(OO:NY)

ReWFOlet and LHM dated 8/24/62.

There are forwarded herewith eight copies to the Bureau and four copies to New York of a LHM setting forth the passport numbers and dates of issue for the captioned subjects.

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- 2 - WFO

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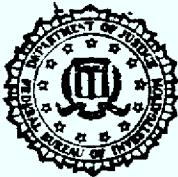
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
August 31, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On August 24, 1962, [REDACTED] b7c  
Security Branch, Legal Division, Passport Office, United  
States Department of State, advised as follows:

On July 24, 1962 Passport Number Z162475 was issued  
to Eslanda Robeson by the American Embassy, London, England.  
On August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued Passport Number  
Z162860 to Paul Robeson.

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TITLE OF CASE PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY MXG
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 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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As noted in instant report an article appeared in the London newspaper "Daily Sketch" of June 9, 1962, which indicated PAUL ROBESON was not going to accept the job offered to him at the University of Accra in Ghana.

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Concerning PAUL and ESIANDA ROBESON's applications for renewals of their passports, [REDACTED] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that the subjects applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Where Located

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G-2, US Army, Europe

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The following informants were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning subject:

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LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S. ✓

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason)

- (u)*
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_
- he is not residing in the US.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice - President of the British -Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960 - 1961.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Report of:

Date:

September 5, 1962

Office: NEW YORK 67C

Field Office File No.:

100-25857

Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] 61  
ESLANDA and PAUL  
ROBESON have applied for renewal of their  
American passports, which, as yet, have not  
been issued. (C)

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence, State of Health  
and Passport Renewal

On May 25, 1962, [REDACTED] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that subject's wife ESLANDA ROBESON arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her United States Passport. At that time, she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25. b/c

[REDACTED] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [REDACTED] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [REDACTED] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital. b1 c)

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"The Worker", dated April 24, 1962, page 2, column 2, contained an article captioned "Greetings to Robeson" as follows:

"April 9th marked the 64th birthday of one of the greatest sons our country ever produced, Paul Robeson, The Worker sends him its warmest, most heartfelt and comradely greeting.

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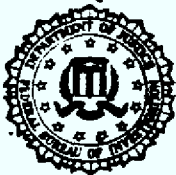
"Health and long life to you Paul. May the day be soon when our country will again hear your magnificent voice and witness again a superb performance such as in years past brought us to appreciate the depth of your humanism and your measure as a rounded and dedicated artist who fully understood the relation of art to the people's freedom, social progress and world peace."

Informants, who are familiar with subject and his activities were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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New York, New York

September 5, 1962

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Title Paul Leroy Robeson

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 11/9/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/25/62-11/1/62
TITLE OF CASE PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY to
CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C			

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/5/62! b7c

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

Subject's wife, ESIANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

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LEAD:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the United States.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the United States upon his return.

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5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified Secret because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
the information furnished by the State Department concerning the subject's passport review was classified as Secret.
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
he is not residing in the United States.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of:

Date:

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Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

100-25857

Bureau File No. 100-12304

Title:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDA ROBESON applied for renewal of their American passports in London, England, and were issued these passports on 8/13/62, and 7/24/62, respectively. (X)(u) - P\* -

DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Passport Renewal

The passport file for PAUL LEROY ROBESON was reviewed on 8/7/62 by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] and contained the following:

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On May 25, 1962, at London, England, ROBESON made an application for a passport. In this application he stated he had previously been issued Passport Number 1145187 on June 25, 1958, at Washington, D.C., and this passport had been renewed in London, England, on June 26, 1960. He stated he was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. His parents were listed as WILLIAM D. ROBESON born in North Carolina and MARIA LOUISA WESTILL born in Pennsylvania. He was last married on August 17, 1951 to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON who was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D. C. In his application ROBESON stated he intended to remain abroad indefinitely but had no plans to travel outside of England because of his poor health. In connection with his passport application ROBESON submitted a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"I, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, am not now a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, and that I have not been a member at any time during the twelve (12) months preceeding May 25, 1962, the date of my application for a passport."

The following descriptive data appeared in ROBESON's passport file:

Height:	6'2"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Singer and actor

On August 24, 1962, The United States Department of State furnished information that on July 24, 1962, passport number Z162475 was issued to ESLANDA ROBESON by the

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American Embassy, London, England, and on August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued passport number Z162860 to PAUL ROBESON. (X)(u)

In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON and at the request of the American Embassy, London, England, Mrs. ROBESON furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

England	7/11/58	to	8/15/58	
USSR	8/15/58	to	9/15/58	
England	9/15/58	to	12/30/58	
USSR	12/30/58	to	3/9/59	(Ill in hospital) *
England	3/9/59	to	6/10/59	
Czechoslovakia	6/10/59	to	6/12/59	
England	6/12/59	to	8/1/59	
Austria	8/1/59	to	8/4/59	
England	8/4/59	to	8/20/59	
Roumania	8/20/59	to	8/24/59	
England	8/24/59	to	9/4/59	
France	9/4/59	to	9/5/59	
England	9/5/59	to	1/18/60	
USSR	1/18/60	to	2/7/60	
England	2/7/60	to	6/18/60	
Germany	6/18/60	to	6/20/60	
England	6/20/60	to	9/2/60	
France	9/2/60	to	9/6/60	
England	9/6/60	to	9/9/60	
Budapest	9/9/60	to	9/15/60	
England	9/15/60	to	10/4/60	
Germany	10/4/60	to	10/8/60	
Australia and New Zealand Tour	10/10/60	to	12/6/60	
England	12/6/60	to	3/15/61	
USSR	3/15/61	to	6/10/61	(Ill in hospital) *
England	6/10/61	to	6/24/61	



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USSR

6/24/61 to 9/12/61

(Ill in hospital) \*

England

9/12/61 to present

(Ill in nursing home but much better now) \*

\* Ill in hospital apparently refers to illness of PAUL ROBESON.

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This information will also be reported in the ROBESON file in the next communication on that file, directed to the Bureau. (rs)

As there are no further leads outstanding in the DU BOIS case at this time, it is being placed in an RUC status subject to reopening upon receipt of additional information. (u)

A copy of this communication is also being sent to Legat, Bern, for information. (u)

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>CWW</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 11/14/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, (NY file 100-25857; Bufile 100-12304).

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DATE OF REVIEW **11-18-92**

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DATE **11-9-77**

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified "~~Secret~~" because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
because information furnished by the State Department concerning subject's passport review was classified "Secret".
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
her residence in England.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".
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☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Title:

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON applied for renewal of their American passports, which were issued on 7/24/62 and 8/13/62 respectively. Subject's name listed as Board Member of the NCASF.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Passport Renewal

[REDACTED] (S) [REDACTED] b1  
On May 25, 1962, [REDACTED] Pass-  
port Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18,  
1962, that subject, the wife of PAUL ROBESON, arrived at  
the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her United  
States passport. At that time, she also made an appointment  
for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and  
this appointment was made for May 25. (S)

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reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the  
appearance of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Embassy. b7c

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the  
Embassy on May 25 and [REDACTED] spoke briefly with him.  
She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old  
man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [REDACTED] that her husband  
continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the out-  
skirts of London, but is allowed to come in for weekends.  
She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and  
cannot make any travel plans until he is released from  
the hospital.

The passport file for ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON  
was reviewed on August 7, 1962, by SA [REDACTED] and  
contained the following:

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Mrs. ROBESON made application for a passport at London, England, on May 15, 1962. In this application she stated she had previously been issued passport number 1104293 at New York City on July 7, 1958, which passport was renewed at London, England, on May 17, 1960. She stated she was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D.C. She stated she was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. She listed her parents as JOHN JACOB GOODE born in Illinois, and ESLANDA CARDOZA GOODE born in South Carolina, both deceased. (X)(u)

Mrs. ROBESON stated she had no plans to travel outside of England, but intended to remain abroad indefinitely. (X)(u)

In connection with her passport application, Mrs. ROBESON furnished a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"Referring to the letter from the American Embassy of July 10, 1962 I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country. NEVER!" (X)(u)

The following descriptive data appeared in Mrs. ROBESON's passport file:

Height:	5'3"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Writer

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In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON and at the request of the American Embassy,

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London, England, Mrs. ROBESON furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

England	July 11, 1958	to	August 15, 1958
USSR	August 15, 1958	to	September 15, 1958
England	September 15, 1958	to	December 30, 1958
USSR	December 30, 1958	to	March 9, 1959 (Ill in Hospital)
England	March 9, 1959	to	June 10, 1959
Czechoslovakia	June 10, 1959	to	June 12, 1959
England	June 12, 1959	to	August 1, 1959
Austria	August 1, 1959	to	August 4, 1959
England	August 4, 1959	to	August 20, 1959
Roumania	August 20, 1959	to	August 24, 1959
England	August 24, 1959	to	September 4, 1959
France	September 4, 1959	to	September 5, 1959
England	September 5, 1959	to	January 18, 1960
USSR	January 18, 1960	to	February 7, 1960
England	February 7, 1960	to	June 18, 1960
Germany	June 18, 1960	to	June 20, 1960
England	June 20, 1960	to	September 2, 1960
France	September 2, 1960	to	September 6, 1960
England	September 6, 1960	to	September 9, 1960
Budapest	September 9, 1960	to	September 15, 1960
England	September 15, 1960	to	October 4, 1960
Germany	October 4, 1960	to	October 8, 1960
Austria and			
New Zealand Tour	October 10, 1960	to	December 6, 1960
England	December 6, 1960	to	March 15, 1961
USSR	March 15, 1961	to	June 10, 1961 (Ill in Hospital)
England	June 10, 1961	to	June 24, 1961
USSR	June 24, 1961	to	September 12, 1961 (Ill in Hospital)
England	September 12, 1961	to	Present (Ill in nursing home, but much better now)

\* Illness in hospital apparently refers to illness of PAUL ROBESON.

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On August 24, 1962, the United States Department of State furnished information that on July 24, 1962, passport number Z162475 was issued to ESLANDA ROBESON by the American Embassy, London, England, and on August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued passport number Z162860 to PAUL ROBESON.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

National Council of American-Soviet  
Friendship, Incorporated (NCASF)

[REDACTED] Charities Regis- b7c  
tration Bureau, New York State Department of Social Welfare,  
Albany, New York, made available to SA ROBERT E. MARGISON on  
March 19, 1962, the Registration Statement for the NCASF.  
The Registration Statement set forth the board members of  
the NCASF and included among the board members was Mrs. ESLANDA  
G. ROBESON.

The NCASF has been designated pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450.

B. Miscellaneous

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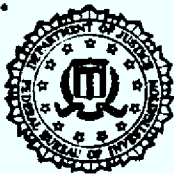
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Informants of the New York Office, who are familiar with CP activities in the New York area were contacted and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
November 13, 1962

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Title            Eslanda Cordozo Robeson

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Reference       is made to the report of  
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as  
above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/28/62

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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1/23/63SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
IS - C  
(OO: New York)ESLANDA ROBESON  
SM - C  
(OO: New York)CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 Rgd/dad  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12-28-92Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/9/62 at NY  
and NYlet to Bureau dated 8/10/62. (u) b7c

In passport application dated May 26, 1962, in London, England, both PAUL ROBESON and ESLANDA ROBESON stated they were currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W2, England. They resided at this address when not traveling abroad. Above subjects have not resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC since 1958. They indicated in their last passport application that they intended to remain abroad indefinitely. FD 122's accordingly are being forwarded to the Bureau changing residence for above subjects to the London address. (u)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON is being deleted from the key figure list NYO for the following reasons: (u)

1. Status of Health

[REDACTED]

- (4) - Bureau (100-12304) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-56689) (ESLANDA ROBESON) (412)  
1 - New York (100-25857)

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2. Activity

There is no information in PAUL ROBESON's file which indicates any present membership or continuous past membership in the CP. In his passport application dated May 25, 1962, PAUL ROBESON submitted a sworn affidavit in which he declared he was then or had not been a member of the CP at any time during the preceding 12 months. There is no information to indicate that PAUL ROBESON has engaged in activity on behalf of the CP since early in 1961. (u)

The NY file on PAUL ROBESON is being placed in a closed status. Consideration will be given to reinstating him on the key figure list if and when he resumes activity on behalf of the CP. Both PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON are on the SI, NYO. ESLANDA ROBESON's file is currently maintained in a closed status. (u)

SEE ALSO 100-428091-2403  
re ROBESON'S DENOUNCIATION  
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1 - Mr. Fachner  
1 - Mr. Rosack

To: SAC, Chicago (100-32864)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-9)

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 1-3-83

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF Declassification  
DATE 6/27 TS/mop

ReCGlet 12/21/62 captioned [REDACTED] (C)  
IS - C; ISA of 1950" wherein information is set forth in  
paragraph 2, page 2, that an article had appeared "in a scandal  
sheet type paper called the 'National Insider,'" purportedly  
written by Paul Robeson concerning Robeson's breaking with the  
Communist Party. This information was furnished by [REDACTED] (C)

Chicago immediately attempt to obtain a copy of this  
article for submission to the Bureau for possible use under the  
Counterintelligence Program. Chicago also advise whether addi-  
tional copies can be obtained. Include any recommendations  
concerning the use of this article. Handle expeditiously.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Paul Robeson is an internationally known apologist for  
the CP. He is hospitalized in London, England [REDACTED]

The use of this article in a Counterintelligence Program could have  
a devastating effect upon CP members of the Negro race. Upon  
receipt, the article will be reviewed and, if appropriate, suitable  
recommendations will be made. Referenced Chicago letter is filed.  
100-108-1045.

DUPLICATE YELLOW

① 100-12304 (Robeson)

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Legal Attache, London

January 7, 1963

Director, FBI (100-3-104-9)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Bachner  
1 - Mr. Ware  
1 - Mr. Rosack

Information has been received by the Bureau indicating that a story had appeared in "the scandal sheet type paper called the 'National Insider'" purportedly written by Paul Robeson indicating how Robeson had broken with the Communist Party (CP). Efforts are currently being made to obtain a copy of this article.

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You should advise the Bureau by return mail whether any information has come to your attention indicating that Robeson has made public or private statements indicating that he was breaking with the CP. You should also advise whether any articles have appeared in London publications concerning this matter. In the event such articles have appeared, copies should be furnished to the Bureau.

This matter should be handled expeditiously.

1 - London (100-1182) (Paul Robeson)

1 - 100-12304 (Paul Robeson)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Paul Leroy Robeson is an internationally known apologist for the CP who is hospitalized in London, England.

Information concerning Robeson's breaking with the CP could have a devastating effect upon CP members of the Negro race and the public source information concerning this matter is being sought for utilization under this program. Information set forth concerning the "National Insider" article is filed in 100-108-1045 and was furnished by

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PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, aka  
IS-C  
OO:NY

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) <u>OUT OF COUNTRY</u>		
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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304 )

DATE: 1/8/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: **ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka**  
SM-C  
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"UNAVAILABLE SECTION"

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Interested Agencies		
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Director, FBI (100-3-104-9)

January 15, 1963

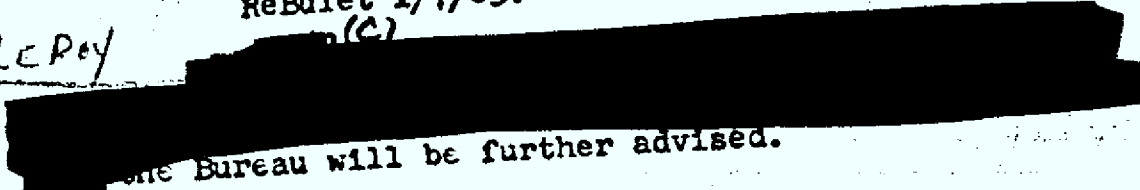
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*PAUL LE ROY*

  
The Bureau will be further advised.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Liaison Section (sent direct)
- 1 - 100-1555
- 1 - 100-1182
- 1 - 100-1666

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